

2025 MSAT Application Procedures

There are 3 steps in the application process for the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) program at Cal State Fullerton.

1. Complete the Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS) application (<https://atcas.liaisoncas.com>) by November 1, 2025 at 9:00 PM Pacific.

- Most questions related to completing the application can be answered in the Help Center: https://help.liaisonedu.com/ATCAS_Applicant_Help_Center.

A. Academic History

- a. Enter all coursework completed (make sure your entries match exactly to your official transcript)

- b. **Send official transcripts from each college or university previously attended directly to ATCAS** (do NOT send transcripts to us)

**Note:* ATCAS must verify that the coursework submitted in your application and your official transcript(s) match. This verification process can take 1-2 weeks after your application is submitted and your official transcripts are received by ATCAS. We cannot evaluate your application until this is complete, so we advise you to submit your application by mid-October. See recommended timeline below.

B. Supporting Information

- a. [Observation Verification form](#)
- b. Personal Statement (500-word limit)
- c. Miscellaneous optional information (achievements, experiences, etc.,)

C. Program Materials

- a. Letters of recommendation
 - i. Provide contact information for at least 2 references who will submit letters of recommendation:
 - One must be from a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) who supervised your clinical observation hours.
 - One must be from a professor/teacher who can describe your academic ability.
 - ii. After submitting contact information for your evaluators, they will electronically submit their letters directly to your ATCAS application. We must receive these by November 1st to evaluate your application.
- b. Program Materials: Essay Questions (4)
 - i. Responses are limited to 2000 characters (approximately 300-400 words)

**** Only verified applications will be reviewed ****

2. On-campus Interview

- A. The strongest candidates will be invited for an on-campus interview at Cal State Fullerton.
 - Note: travel costs related to attending an interview are the responsibility of the applicant
- B. Candidates will be notified of the decision (admit/deny/waitlist) shortly after the last interview is completed.

3. Cal State Apply Application

Applicants who are offered placement in the cohort will complete an application in Cal State Apply (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/graduate>) to be formally admitted to Cal State Fullerton.

- Please DO NOT submit a Cal State Apply application until requested to do so by the MSAT program.
- The applicant will be asked to submit official transcripts to the university.
 - Follow the instructions provided in the Cal State Apply system
- For help with Cal State Apply: <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/faq/Pages/default.aspx>

Have Questions?

Please visit our website: <https://msat.fullerton.edu/>. The answers to many of your questions can be answered there. Please also check out the FAQ's: <https://msat.fullerton.edu/prospective-students/FAQ.php>

Still have Questions? Contact:

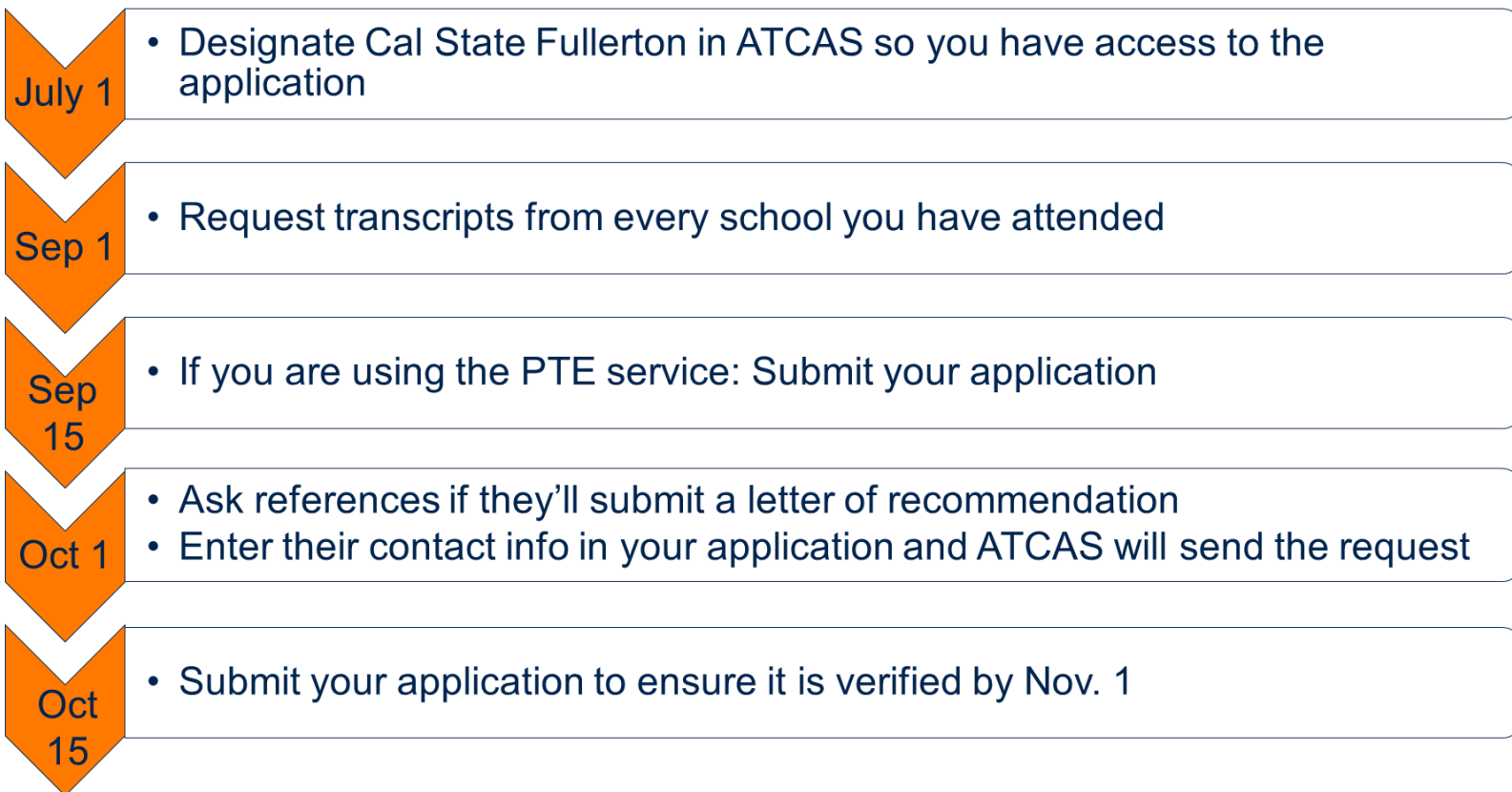
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Recommended Application Timeline

Applications must be complete and verified by ATCAS by the deadline: November 1. Therefore, applicants must hit “submit” in ATCAS before then. Applications can take up to 2 weeks to be verified.

- It’s okay if transcripts or letters of recommendation have not been received yet.

We cannot review applications until they are complete AND verified so it is imperative to submit your application in time to be verified by November 1.



MSAT Applicant Evaluation Rubric

Criteria	Weight
1. Academic Record a. Prerequisite GPA (30%) b. Undergraduate Cumulative GPA (20%)	50%
2. Interview	25%
3. Quality of ATCAS Application a. Responses to program-specific application questions (10%) b. Personal statement (5%)	15%
4. Letters of Recommendation (2) a. Letter from Certified Athletic Trainer (5%) b. Letter from Professor or Academic Advisor (5%)	10%

All candidates are evaluated by the MSAT admissions committee which may include faculty, preceptors, and current students.